

FIREMEN ARE OVERCOME BY SULPHUR GAS

Two Million Dollar Property
Lost at Galveston.

Entire Water Front Threatened
by Spreading Flames.

BIG WHEAT CARGO LOST

Whole Section of Negro Homes
Is Wiped Out.

Trains of Box Cars at Water's
Edge Are Destroyed.

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 30.—Fire
starting in the plant of the Texas Gulf
Sulphur company at 2 o'clock this
morning took a toll of \$2,000,000
damage along the water front at the
foot of Thirty-sixth street before con-
trolled. It was estimated shortly be-
fore noon today.

Eight firemen were overcome by
fumes from the sulphur company's
pier, at first reported to have been oc-
cupied by the Freepoint company's
plants. This pier and plant was a
mass of ruins and still burning. The
cotton concentration plant containing
thousands of bales of cotton was also
destroyed.

Steamer Is Gutted.

Pier 35 was a complete wreck, as
well as the sulphur plant and build-
ings it included. The Italian steamer
Etna, loaded with 250,000 bushels of
wheat, was practically gutted and still
burning. It was reported that the
steamer was a complete loss. The Italian steamer
Oceano, was also partly burned.

The steamships Ancon, Gloria de
Larringa and Hornby Castle, the latter two
Britishers, were saved, but not
without rigging and top decks be-
ing charred and badly damaged. At 3
o'clock it appeared they would be lost.

A string of box cars—estimation of
the number was impossible—loaded
with grain were also burned. The
Shipside Cotton compress was about
one-third destroyed.

The Anchor Milling company will
also be a total loss, it was declared.

Firemen Are Gassed.

The firemen overcome were victims
of the dense clouds of smoke from the
sulphur plant, which were spread
over the city. A strong wind
whipped the flames, sparks and smoke
over the city, making it appear for
a time that the city was in danger
of the entire part of the city becoming
ignited. The fire when brought under
control, it was reported, was the most
disastrous blaze that has ever swept
the city.

The fire spread so quickly that fire-
men and others aiding in efforts to
stop it were helpless. Streams of
smoke were shot up from the pier
fighting the flames aboard the ships
was difficult and spectacular. At one
time all efforts were turned on the
burning Etna, from whose deck poured
great clouds of steam. The ship lay
alongside a pier of cotton which soon
became blazing coals. At dawn the
whole city awoke in glaring relief.

In the eight blocks of shacks and
frame buildings occupied by negro
quarters, a fire which spread rapidly
today, many of the structures were
in ruins. The monetary loss there,
however, was small as most of the
property was insured.

Probe Federal Aid Bureaus

American Legion Will Work for Leg-
islation to Correct Program.

Cleveland, Sept. 30.—Thoro investi-
gation to determine the blame for the
alleged failure of federal bureaus to
aid in the fight against the spread-
ing of the program of the American Legion,
according to a statement today by F.
J. Galbraith, Jr., Cincinnati, new na-
tional commander. The convention
adjourned last night but the executive
committee and new officers were to
hold brief business sessions today.

Five vice commanders were elected
as follows: John C. Henry, Grand
Rapids, Mich.; Golding, Newark,
N. J.; E. J. Winslet, Sabieville, Ala.;
C. E. Pendell, Kenosha, Wis.; J. G.
Schrougham, St. Louis, Mo.

The Rev. John Inver, Montgomery,
Ala., was elected national chaplain.

NAVAL AIRSHIP WRECKED

Four Members of Crew of C-6 Hurt
in Crash.

Los Angeles, Sept. 30.—The navy
airship C-6 crashed into Laurel can-
yon near Hollywood, a Los Angeles
suburb, today. Four members of the
crew were injured.

The dirigible, en route from San
Diego, Cal., to San Pedro, Cal.,
jammed into the canyon when it be-
came lost in a dense fog.

Chief Pilot Gordon G. McDonald of
San Diego, sustained severe injuries in
both legs. Injuries of the other three
were not believed serious.

The fifth member of the crew es-
caped uninjured.

Babies Save Life
of Their Mother

Convicted of Murder She Was to Die
on Scaffold—Sentence Commuted
to Life in Prison.

Ottawa, Sept. 30.—Mrs. Marie Anne
Houde Gagnon, mother of twins born
two months ago in prison, who was
sentenced to be executed today for
murder after having been found guilty
of murder, will serve a life sentence
in the penitentiary instead, as the
result of a decision by the cabinet coun-
cil, made public today.

Testimony of physicians submitted
to the cabinet showed the weak con-
dition of Mrs. Gagnon would jeopardize
the life of her babies. Mrs. Gagnon
was convicted of murdering her step-
daughter under conditions of extreme
cruelty.

The Weather

FORECAST FOR KANSAS.
Fair tonight and Friday, with rising
temperatures. Probably frost in ex-
treme east portions tonight.

KILLING FROST HERE

Temperature Down to 34 Last Night—
Another Frost Tonight.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.

7 o'clock.....35 11 o'clock.....50
8 o'clock.....37 12 o'clock.....52
9 o'clock.....40 1 o'clock.....54
10 o'clock.....45 2 o'clock.....56

A heavy, killing frost settled in To-
peka Wednesday night and the tem-
perature dropped down to 34 degrees
—within one degree of the low record
for September. Topeka will get an-
other frost tonight, but not as heavy,
perhaps, as Wednesday night's.

The frost killed all of the corn, ex-
cept that in the upland, and the big-
gest part of the garden stuff. Had the
frost come two weeks ago, it would
have done serious damage to the corn,
but the crop is safe now.

Friday will be rainy, according to
forecast, with a maximum of 65 in the
afternoon. The temperature probably rising
to 65 in the afternoon.

Temperatures were below freezing
all over the state in the last twenty-
four hours, except in the eastern and
southern counties. The low mark in
the state was at Hays City, which is
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FEAR BOMB PLOT

"Tip Off" Warning of Explosion
Sent C. C. Mayor.

Long Building To Be Blown Up
"at 3:30 Today."

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 30.—The
R. A. Long building, which houses
the Federal Reserve bank, was being
closely guarded today following a
warning that the building was to be
blown up at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The "tip" was contained in an un-
signed letter to Mayor Cowgill and
immediately communicated to J. Z.
Miller, Jr., governor of the Federal
Reserve bank. The federal secret
service office here was notified and
immediately strengthened the guard
which has been on duty since the
bomb explosion in New York that
wrecked the offices of J. P. Morgan.

Several tenants of the Long build-
ing, alarmed by the reported threat to
destroy the building, dismissed their
office forces for the afternoon.

At the office of Fred Tatz, in
charge of secret service investigation
here, it was not denied that the mayor
had turned over a letter of warning
to the government officials. Tatz,
himself, however, was said to be out of
town.

RATE CASE DECISION SOON

Industrial Court to Give Out Opinion

Decision on the intra-state railroad
rate case probably will not be made
before next week, according to Presi-
dent Judge V. L. Higgins of the Kan-
sas city industrial relations court.

A conference had been planned to-
day between Judges Higgins, Wark
and Ladd, but was postponed because
of the absence of Judge Reed, who has
been in St. Paul this week represent-
ing the court in the injunction suit
between the United States district
court there by gas distributing com-
panies. Judge Reed is expected back
Saturday.

WOMEN REPUBLICANS TO MEET

Shawnee County Committee Arranges
for Conference Wednesday.

In preparation for the women's Re-
publican meeting Wednesday when
Mrs. Manley Fossom of the national
Republican committee will be pres-
ent, the Republican women's ad-
visory council met at a noon luncheon at
the F. W. C. today. The meeting was
composed of the council with Mrs. Festus
Foster as chairman. Mrs. Foster is
also vice chairman of the Shawnee
county committee.

"In my work with women all over
the country I find them strongly in
favor of the federal government and
in favor of the federal court system,"
in addressing the council.

"The county organization is nearly
complete as far as the women are con-
cerned," she said. "We expect to have
a 100 per cent organization by
October 1." The women chairman for every
precinct in the county.

Sixty women have promised to
attend the new county committee.
Mrs. C. W. Kouns, motor corps chair-
man, reported.

Mrs. Charles Curtis, Mrs. Arthur
Casper, Mrs. Henry J. Allen, Mrs. W.
A. McCarter, Mrs. S. S. Begg, and
Mrs. W. A. Johnson were made hon-
orary members of the council.

A mass meeting of women will be
held at the state house following the
luncheon at Peller's in honor of
Mrs. Fossom on Wednesday.

RIDICULE GREY'S PLAN.

Irish Chief Opposes Making Erin
Dominion of the Empire.

London, Sept. 30.—Viscount Grey's
proposal that Ireland draft her own
army and dominion government as a
solution for the ancient conflict, was
ridiculed today by Art O'Brien of the
Irish Self Determination league.

Grey proposed that the Irish draft
their own bill within a period of two
years providing for self government in
everything but foreign policy, army
and navy.

ARE AFTER POSTS SCALE.

American Legion Executive Commit-
tee Says He Helped the Reds.

Cleveland, Sept. 30.—Dismissal
from office of Louis F. Post, assistant
secretary of labor, for obstructing the
enforcement of the alien deportation
law was recommended in a resolution
adopted by the new national executive
committee of the American Legion held
here today.

DROP GETS SPEED

Price Barometer at Chicago
Goes Down Faster.

More Clothing and Rent Slashes
Being Announced.

WHEAT MARKET WAY DOWN

Nine Cents Per Bushel Off De-
cember Deliveries.

Indiana Potatoes Now Selling at
Fifty Cents.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Wheat futures
dropped 9 cents on the Chicago board
of trade today. Other grains also de-
clined. Heavy liquidation, due to the
continued decline in prices of various
commodities, was the principal factor.
December wheat was down 9 cents and
March wheat was down 9 cents. December
corn was off 4 cents.

Reductions from \$50 to \$250 in
plane prices have been made by Lyon
& Healy, big plane manufacturers.
Planes selling at from \$500 to \$700
were off \$50. Prices of \$2,300 were
slashed \$250.

Price Barometer Down.

The price barometer fell here again
today.

Retail clothing prices at Maurice D.
Rothschild's clothing store were
slashed from 20 to 25 per cent, ac-
cording to a public announcement.

Rothschild declared further reduc-
tions will follow.

The time for readjustment has
come and the merchant who does not
lower his prices to conform with the
movement will lose out, said Rothschild.

Rothschild said it would mean re-
tailers will cut their orders and halt
the demand for labor. This, he said,
would mean a greater efficiency in
labor.

"The workers will do better work
and more because they will want to
keep their jobs," he said.

The second landlord to reduce apart-
ment rents this week announced he
has made a 10 per cent reduction.

Auto Plant Shuts Down.

Less than 2,000 remain to operate
the plants the rest of the week when
they will be closed for good.

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American Boys Will Hate Crooks Who Have Smirched Their Most Cherished Sport

BY BILLY SUNDAY.
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Roanoke, Va., Sept. 30.—The heart
of the average American boy will
cherish bitter enmity toward the dan-
gerously gambling that corrupted his
baseball idols.

But no boy will say today he has lost
faith in baseball. He is just one more
factor of a public rage to repudiate
the slightest suggestion of dishonesty
and anxious to back up the efforts to
maintain for baseball the reputation
it has had for years—clean, on the
square, wholesome and distinctively
American.

Disloyalty and dishonesty did what
all the suggestions in the American leg-
ion could not do—drive Eddie Cicotte
from the box.

Thus one of the idols of American
boyhood fell from his pedestal of
fame.

To my mind, this constitutes one of
the saddest features connected with
the baseball scandal. Even this, how-
ever, will not rob the average boy of
his interest in and love for baseball.
Boys go in to win. No suspicion of
crookedness ever enters their heads. It
is the hardest thing under the sun to
corrupt a boy so that he will lose a
race or throw a game.

Thousands of faithful players on the
city lots and members of country
town teams from coast to coast will
see in the baseball scandal only proof
of the things they have always be-
lieved.

That you can't play the game crook-
ed and win.

That murder will out.

And that you can't mix in bad com-
pany and get away with it.

TO OUST MAYOR POLES WANT VILNA

Lithuanian Capital Is Doomed
to Fall Soon.

Former Red Headquarters
Taken by Advancing Army.

Warsaw, Sept. 30.—Further progress
by Polish forces in the Galician dis-
trict was reported in the war office
communiqué today.

A drive north of the River Pripiet
in this region was said to have re-
sulted in gains of fifty miles.

Polish forces have taken an im-
portant town 45 miles south of Vilna,
and Pinsk, a fortified city 90 miles
east of the Polish frontier, according
to an official statement issued here.

The Polish advance toward the
northern end of the Lithuanian cap-
ital, is expected within a few days.

Kamenitz-Podolski, a city on the
northern bank of the Dniester river in
Ukraine, has been recovered by Ukrai-
nian troops from the Bolsheviks, it is
reported.

Red Headquarters Taken.

It was at Lida, now again in Polish
hands, that Leon Trotsky, the soviet
minister of war, was recently reported
to have established his headquarters.

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ing along the entire line.

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GO TO RETURN

Democratic Nominee at Pitts-
burg and Mulberry Saturday.

Will Swing Back Into Heart of
Mining District.

MAY ATTACK LABOR COURT

Cox Urges Income Tax Change
In Hutchinson Speech.

Governor Was Greatly Re-
freshed After Visit Here.

(By Staff Correspondent.)

Hutchinson, Kan., Sept. 30.—Governor
Cox today consented to swing
back to Kansas for two additional
speeches Saturday. He will talk in
Pittsburg and Mulberry Saturday, fol-
lowing his Friday dates in Oklahoma.

Time will be given for a ninety-
minute meeting in Pittsburg, while a
chance will be made in Mulberry.
The two speaking points are in the
heart of the Kansas mining
district, where the Democratic
organization in the state, however,
has refrained from any mention of
the court law other than a criticism
of the method of its operation by the
present state administration.

Urges Income Tax Revision.

Governor Cox today in his
campaign apparently re-
frained after his Wednesday night speech
in Topeka. Before the Chamber of
Commerce he addressed a crowd of
crowd of several hundred men
women. He urged revision of the in-
come tax law to a rate of 1 1/2 per cent
on net revenue of going industries.

Three speeches were made in
Hutchinson this morning.

Colonel Galbraith was yesterday
elected national commander of the
American Legion by the delegates in
session at Cleveland. The new com-
mander, who succeeds Franklin
D'Olier, is an Ohio man and lives at
Cincinnati.

DENY BAKER SPLIT

Attorney General Answers
American Ins. Union Charge.

State Official Did Not Agree on
Fee, It Is Declared.

Attorney General R. J. Hopkins to-
day filed an answer in the United
States district court at Kansas City,
Kan., to the injunction suit brought by
the American Insurance Union of Col-
umbus, O., seeking to restrain the
state insurance department from re-
voking its authority to do business in
Kansas because of alleged fraud in
negotiation of a merger between the
Ohio company and the Sons and
Daughters of Justice, a Kansas frat-
ernal order now in receivership.

Denial is made in the answer that
William H. Baker, assistant state
attorney general, had agreed with
an agreement with Louis R. Gates, a
lawyer of Kansas City, Mo., whereby
a four thousand dollar fee was to be
paid to Baker for his services in the
American Insurance Union obtaining
favorable opinion from the insurance
department in hearing on the claimant's
petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

"Gates never at any time discussed
this matter nor any other official
business with the defendant Baker,"
the answer states, and denies any
conspiracy between Gates and Baker.

Affidavits Charge Bribery.

Hopkins also denied the jurisdic-
tion of the United States district
court.

The answer states that Assistant
Superintendent Baker in issuing the
injunction acted upon advice of the
attorney general, and that the in-
junction had been obtained from officers of
the Sons and Daughters of Justice that
remain as they are, protected against
the revocation of their charter.

"The defendant Baker, in the course
of his duties as assistant state attor-
ney general, has been given the in-
formation that the American Insurance
Union, to use its influence in the
national council of the Kansas com-
pany."

The other affidavit was by W. H.
Shaw, national secretary, alleging he
had been paid \$100 by R. J. Hopkins,
representative of the Ohio company.

TO PLACE POSTERS IN CITY

Boy Scouts Will Aid in Salvation Army
Campaign Here.

The Salvation Army home service
fund campaign in Shawnee county,
beginning October 1, will be aided by
the Boy Scouts of America. The cam-
paign will be held at the Chamber of
Commerce today.

Teams of business men will
cover the business section and are ex-
pected to bring in heavy contributions.
The campaign will be held at the Chamber
of Commerce Monday noon.

Another meeting of the executive
committee will be held at the Cham-
ber of Commerce Monday noon.

The chairman of the country school
districts will meet at a noon luncheon
at the Chamber of Commerce today.

TO TRY OUT RED PLAN.

Flat Auto Works Will Be Placed in
Hands of Employees.

Tulin, Sept. 30.—Negotiations for
the transformation of the Flat auto-
mobile works into a co-operative
society with the workmen as partners
and the management in running the
company, are going on.

If successful the transformation is
expected to test how far collaboration
of the men can be effective. The Flat
plant is one of the largest establish-
ments in Italy.

Rock Island Gets Big Loan.

Washington, Sept. 30.—Approval of
a loan of \$2,000,000 to the Chicago,
Rock Island & Pacific Railway com-
pany, to be used for the purpose of
retiring indebtedness, was announced
today by the interstate commerce com-
mission. The carrier itself is required
to finance in connection with the in-
debtedness, approximately
\$5,000,000.